

REMARKS

In an Official Action dated August 25, 2004, the Examiner imposed a two-way restriction requirement and a ten-way election requirement.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the first class of invention, namely the apparatus in claims 1-40.

Applicants are unclear as to the election requirement. More specifically, Applicants are unclear regarding the scope of the species recited in Species A, B, C, D, E, F and H. Nonetheless, as Applicants best understand the species, Applicants elect Species J, which is the embodiment illustrated in Figures 12-16. The following claims read on the elected species:

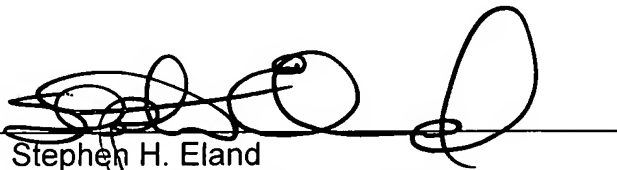
claims 1-10, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-25, 27, 28, 30-33, and 35-40.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes that this application is in form for substantive examination. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney if the Examiner believes that issues remain regarding the allowability of this application.

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